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EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN AND LE STAFF WHEREABOUTS

¶1. (SBU) Post is working with the Government of Haiti to clarify procedures concerning approval of adoption lists, as the departures of several groups of adoptees have been delayed, including six children from the Children of the Promise Orphanage. The children are currently in a UNICEF-supported GOH children's facility. The embassy has supplied them with diapers, juice, water, and rehydration packets. (TF1/CA-OCS-CI e-mail, TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶2. (U) A 4.7 magnitude earthquake hit 20 miles west-southwest of Port-au-Prince at 0126 EST February 23. There have been no reports of injuries or damage. (Reuters)

¶3. (U) Earthquake victims camping on the grounds of the prime minister's office complain police are halting deliveries of food and water to try to oust them. (AP)

¶4. (SBU) Haitian authorities have resumed control of port operations in the capital, with the exception of security. National Port Authority security forces will meet with MINUSTAH security forces to coordinate rapid response relationships February 23. (SOUTHCOM Sitrep)

¶5. (SBU) The International Organization for Migration is supporting Haiti's efforts to register people displaced by the earthquake and to identify their home areas. The registration is part of a broader strategy to address the issue of congested camps throughout Port-au-Prince. (DOC NOC report)

¶6. (U) On February 20, the final day of the surge food distribution in Port-au-Prince, lead NGOs distributed food to more than 112,000 individuals, bringing the total number of people receiving food through the operation to nearly 3 million. (USAID/DART Haiti Food Assistance Update)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

¶7. (SBU) The Canadian government concluded evacuation flights out of Haiti. Canadian troops, whose numbers peaked at approximately 2,000, have begun a staged withdrawal from Haiti, and emergency relief efforts are slowly scaling down now that planning for long-term reconstruction has begun. (DHS NOC e-mail)

¶8. (U) A UN aid convoy was attacked in the north of Haiti February 22. A witness reports several hundred people threw rocks at the vehicles and demanded aid. Supplies were stolen but no one was injured. (AFP)

¶9. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at:

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http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

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